



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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INDIANA BULLETIN NO. IN 300-6-6

SUBJECT: LTP – EQIP Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) Development Options

Purpose: To provide additional clarification on the options for the development of CNMPs scheduled for completion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 (FY05 and prior contracts).

Expiration Date: September 30, 2006

ACTION REQUIRED BY: February 7, 2006

EQIP producers scheduled to complete a CNMP in FY06 (for FY05 and older EQIP contracts) will have the option of using a Technical Service Provider (TSP) from the TechReg website or utilizing the CNMP contract that we have with *Validus*, previously Environmental Management Solutions (EMS).

If producers want to use a TSP from the TechReg website follow the instructions provided on the memo dated January 10, 2006 File Code 300-19 titled "Availability of Technical Assistance Funds for Technical Service Providers on Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Contracts."

To be eligible to use the *Validus* contract they must already have soil tests and manure analysis completed.

If producers are eligible and wish to utilize the contract with *Validus*, submit the following information for that operation to Tony Bailey via email by 2/7/06.

1. Name
2. Contact information (address and phone number)
3. Type of livestock operation
4. The number of animal units
5. The number of cropland acres

For example: Ima Farmer (765)432-1098, 1 Anyroad, Anytown, IN. 36 animal units (farrow/finish - 20 sows at 400 lbs and 200 feeder pigs averaging 140 lbs). 50 acres in a corn/sb rotation.

Animal units are defined as 1000 lbs. of live animals. To determine total animal units on a farm, multiply the total number of animals x average animal weight / 1000 lbs = animal unit. The total

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is the numbers of animals on the farm at any one time (snapshot) and is not for the farm's yearly production.

The cropland acres on the livestock operation are all acres owned or under decision-making authority at that livestock operation (i.e. may not include ground 5 miles away that normally does not receive manure and rented ground not under long term contract).

Based on the number of requests and cost estimates for the requests, we plan to make decisions and forward CNMPs to *Validus* in February. These CNMPs will be completed by 9/30/06.

Please send the producer name, contact information, type of livestock operation, animal units and cropland acres to Tony Bailey. Please direct any questions to Tony Bailey at (317) 290-3200 ext. 345 or Shannon Zezula at ext. 388.

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